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You may do much harm by indiscreet praise and by indiscreet blame, but remember the chief harm is always done by blame.—John Ruskin.

HELP ALONG THE NATIONAL GUARD

The plans to build up the national guard of Hawaii deserve well at the hands of the influential people of this community.

There is a mistaken idea that the militia organizations are useful only in case of hostilities with a foreign nation or acute disorders at home. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The national guard is a great deal more than a military factor; it is a great deal more than a possible means of defense or a super-police patrol. It is a distinct factor for general benefit to the young men of this and other cities. The guard gives training, both mental and physical; it gives ideas of discipline, of moral restraint, of a patriotism in local as well as national affairs. In its splendid new armory, the national guard of Honolulu will be a sort of night-school for the all-around tutoring and development of youths and men here.

Moreover, the guard stands for the promotion of clean sport, of recreation, of good-fellowship and of entertainment of its members. It offers advantages that no other institution in Honolulu can offer, and it does so without competing with the Y. M. C. A. or any other association or society.

Because of these things, the national guard deserves the thorough good-will of the people of Honolulu. Businessmen may well afford to encourage their employees to join the guard, for the guard offers the kind of training that makes an employee more trustworthy, alert and efficient. In the present campaign to recruit additional companies and to bring all the companies up to full strength, Honolulu businessmen cannot do better either for their own interests or the personal welfare of their employees than to help along the national guard idea.

TRUE OR FALSE?

If the police investigation is dropped now and Sheriff Jarrett follows out the suggestions of the Advertiser that McDuffie be dismissed, the situation will be unfortunate for the community. It will be entirely discreditable to the sheriff as well as to those who profess good faith in their attack on McDuffie. It will be grossly unfair to McDuffie.

The charges against McDuffie have never been put into concrete form but they are nasty in innuendo. They should either be proved or disproved. They cannot well go by default now.

If they are proved, Jarrett should by all means dismiss McDuffie.

If they are disproved, Jarrett has no excuse for not reinstating the captain of detectives.

If the attorney-general's office cannot find in the charges as worked up by the Advertiser and members of the detective force enough truth and enough evidence to take before a grand jury, and if the attorney-general's office believes that there is enough to direct suspicion against McDuffie, then what evidence is in Deputy Smith's hands should be turned over to the civil service commission. The civil service commission may examine the evidence and decide whether the facts substantiated and the general circumstances are such as to warrant the dismissal of McDuffie. In the meantime, McDuffie has every right to demand reinstatement.

FOR HONOLULU'S READY REFERENCE

"I wish there were some means of scheduling in advance the various public and semi-public events here in Honolulu so that when any of us plan a meeting or function of any kind we could find out immediately what dates are filled by events likely to conflict," said a well-known businessman of this city to the Star-Bulletin a day or two ago.

From this remark a new feature of public service by the Star-Bulletin was quickly evolved. This paper therefore desires to announce that it will keep a schedule of coming and current events on file in the office and will publish this list each week—provided we can secure the co-operation of the people. Only by their help can such a list be anything like complete and unless it is fairly complete it will be useless.

Events that should go on the schedule are

public meetings of all kinds, club-meetings, dances or balls and other social functions that draw a large number of people together, entertainments, musical, literary or otherwise, fetes, benefit bazaars, lectures, church and social service programs or exhibitions, etc. If the Star-Bulletin can secure the aid of officers of various societies and associations, who will help make the list complete by sending in notice of events as soon as they are decided upon and by notifying us in case of change of date or place, this paper will undertake to maintain the schedule for quick reference at the Alakea street office and to publish it weekly.

THE HEATHEN RAGING

"The investigation has been hampered by the shyster tactics of the Star-Bulletin," howls the Advertiser this morning, in the course of an editorial in which it proves to its own satisfaction that so long as McDuffie has been accused, he should be discharged, although the accusations have not been proved.

The heathen rage of our morning contemporary is ludicrous and it is pitiful. Ludicrous because it is so empty of substance in spite of its matchless flow of words; pitiful because the paper, having banded about charges against McDuffie that it has entirely failed to support, is now desperately trying to excuse itself by blaming others for the failure.

The Star-Bulletin, as anyone with normal intelligence can see from what this paper has printed, has insisted merely that the accused police officers be given a square deal; that they should be acquainted with the charges against them; that they should be allowed an explanation before the civil service commission; that they should not be haled before a grand jury without having the right to make public their statements in the same degree that the statements against them have been made public.

Is this "shyster tactics?"

The Star-Bulletin has insisted that the investigation, so long as it includes charges of mis-handling of money and of valuables by the officers, should not stop with McDuffie and Kellett. If they have been guilty of these deeds, then Jarrett has been guilty of gross incompetency and negligence; if they have appropriated valuables held at the station and have openly worn rings and watches belonging to others, then Jarrett has been blindly lax in his administration.

Is it "shyster tactics" to insist that two detective officers shall not be made the scapegoat for the sheriff's shortcomings?

The Advertiser has been talking for months of what was going to happen to McDuffie and Kellett. When the Advertiser sees that the investigation—if continued at all—is likely to involve the entire police administration, and its incompetent 200-pound pet, then the Advertiser begins to howl "shyster tactics!"

Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of the Christmas season by Shopping Early. There is an additional reason for Shopping Early this year. The coming of the parcel post system has vastly increased the volume of business at the postoffices and if you would avoid congestion and delay in getting your Christmas packages off to the mainland, Shop Early and Post Early.

Nothing but failure to realize the great opportunity presented will keep the Merchants' Association from voting for a greater commercial body.

Another reason why McCarn will probably be popular with us is that his name is so short that it fits nicely into large type.

Berlin offers to form a European concert on the Mexican situation. Huerta will continue to blow his own horn.

One is inclined to think that the general question, Why the Progressives in Hawaii? is still unanswered.

The Commercial Club is preparing for Greater Honolulu. Can other organizations say as much?

Strange how little figure Bill Bryan is cutting in all this Mexican trouble!

Why not ask Carnegie to act as special envoy to Señor Huerta?

Old Doc's Talk

GRATITUDE

Now, my son, whatever you think about these talks, don't for one moment believe that I take any stock in pessimism or the grunts of a man who can't find what he wants.

Life's too big to look at from one single standpoint whether that stage be optimism or pessimism. Let us take our judgments as the Englishman does his grog—"arlf and arlf."

It's a good deal to say, but I think so little of Schopenhauer and his disgruntled ilk that I wouldn't let them pump their cynical wind into a punctured tire of mine on a hot day!

But there is a good deal of ingratitude in the world, my boy, and you'll be sure to come up against it, sooner or later.

Unkindness and absolute want of consideration from one you have devoted your life to bring up; coldness and indifference from one you have helped to raise from difficulties he could not alone overcome—these are terrible things; soul agonies than which none are keener in life.

Yet, my boy, reasons may be found in yourself for a great part of the ingratitude in others; innocent, unintentional causes for the want of return. I doubt, even at my age, my boy, if there is such a thing as inherent ingratitude. A little love and patience and better understanding might have discovered a rich load where the old one petered out.

Somebody has defined gratitude as

a lively anticipation or expectation of future favors; and that's a poor, low definition, for some of the most precious rewards in life are the evidences of genuine gratitude not only in the heart of a child, but in others. Another has said that you can't check on gratitude. Now who in the world that deserves thanks wants to check on them? Thankfulness, my son, is a spontaneous return for favors rendered in love and without any thought or expectation on the part of the giver that the recipient should be grateful.

To give as a sort of credit slip; a deposit to check on at some future time, is worse than being ungrateful.

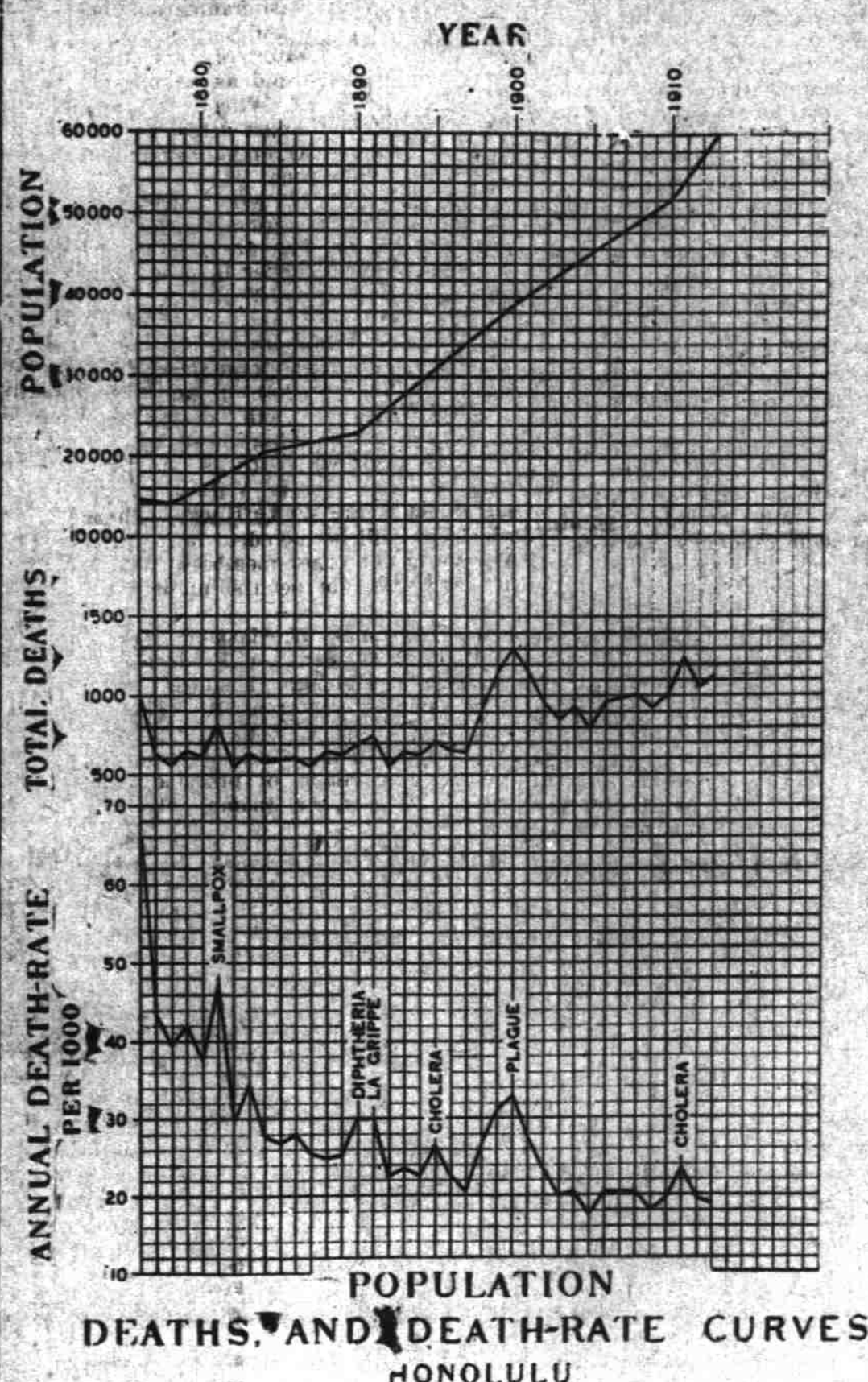
Ah, no, my son, I've seen the deepest gratitude expressed by a look or a tear—not for some great gift, but returned for a word of kindness, or even for a failure to censure when it seemed deserved! And is not the joyous gratitude of a child returned enough for all the lugubrious Jeremiahs of all the pseudo-philosophers since the world began!

Perhaps you can't check on gratitude, my boy, but every man who deserves it will find heaps and heaps of it all through life.

E. S. GOODHUE.



CHART TELLS OF LIFE AND DEATH IN HONOLULU SINCE THE YEAR 1876



The above chart, prepared by Sanitary Engineer S. W. Tay of the territorial board of health is a graphic brief description of life and death in Honolulu since 1876 and as such proves an interesting subject for study. It is based on the statistics in the board of health offices, where accurate records have been kept of the city's vital statistics since 1900 and where fairly accurate records may be found extending back 37 years.

The first jagged black line extending across the chart might be termed Honolulu's "life line," while the crooked one just below could be called the city's "death line." The third, below this one, which looks like an outline of a series of mountain peaks, shows the percentage of deaths each year according to population.

The lowest line, it will be noticed, curves gradually downward from the year 1900 while the other two incline

upward. This means that while the city's population has been increasing steadily, as the upper line indicates, and while the number of deaths each year is gradually increasing, as the middle line shows, yet the average number of deaths, say for each 1000 inhabitants, has been decreasing. In a word, this indicates that health conditions have been better, and in only one instance have the deaths ever been much more than 20 per 1000 inhabitants in any year since 1903.

That exception was during the cholera contagion in 1911. During the plague in 1900 there were 1300 deaths, a greater number than the municipality has experienced before or since that time. It is naturally expected that with the increase in population the number of deaths will increase, while the congestion usually incident to thickly populated districts generally tends to increase the ratio.

FOR RENT

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| Kalakaua Avenue | 4 bedrooms | \$60.00 |
| Piikoi Street | 3 bedrooms | \$45.00 |
| Alaha Lane | 2 bedrooms | 20.00 |
| Tantalus | 3 bedrooms | 45.00 |

FOR SALE

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| College Hills | House and lot | 7350.00 |
| Wildier Ave. & Kewalo St. | House and lot | 7500.00 |
| Anapuni Street | House and lot | 4500.00 |
| Piikoi Street | House and lot, including furniture | 6500.00 |
| Punahou Street | House and lot | 8000.00 |
| Young Street | House and lot | 3500.00 |
| Young Street | House and lot | 2500.00 |
| Parker Street, College Hills | Lot | 2500.00 |

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Yet Dr. Pratt, president of the board of health, says he believes the death-rate in Honolulu can now be kept below the 2 per cent. average, or the 30 per 1000 under which the death-rate line has hung during the last year. This can be done only by preventing outbreaks of other contagions, such as have afflicted the city so frequently in former years.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—WILL MILES: A lot of people are asking me if the mayor is going to sign a Thanksgiving proclamation. He says that it remains to be seen.

—P. L. WEAVER: My speed ordinance will probably have some new feature to it before its introduction. I am now working on one or two new propositions.

—HARRY LAKE: The death of Detective Abreu again brings up the question of pension for police and fire men. Such a system is greatly needed here. I am strongly in favor of it.

—W. A. GUYETTE: The story published this morning to the effect that I am here from St. Louis to start a brewery is a fabrication that is most absurd, and one that I regret was published without my knowledge, consent or verification. I am in Hawaii to represent my house and endeavor to establish a branch, through some local concern, and the idea of starting a new brewery has never been dreamed of.

A lecture on the spread of tuberculosis, and the manner in which to prevent the disease, was delivered by Frederick Anderson in the Charles R. Bishop Hall, Punahou, last evening, under the auspices of the board of health.

Personal Mention

DR. ST. D. G. WALTERS will arrive in Honolulu Monday as a passenger in the Sierra, returning from an extended trip to the mainland.

DR. A. R. ROWAT, who has been confined at the Queen's hospital for an operation on the eye, will soon be about again. He is recovering rapidly. The operation was very successful.

N. P. MCBRYDE, G. P. Wilcox, Mrs. G. P. Wilcox, A. S. Wilcox and wife and Miss Kaul Wilcox are among the Kanai residents who are visiting in Honolulu this week. They are registered at the Young hotel.

M. KUNUKI, editor of Manchuria Chosen Magazine and one of the best-known writers of the vernacular press of the Far East, has been visiting Honolulu for some months. He is making a tour of investigation that will probably take him around the world, studying the status and condition of Japanese in foreign countries.

Competitive games are now in full swing among the various clubs of the Palama Settlement. One of the boys' clubs, having 50 members and led by Headworker James A. Rath, is doing proficient work in drill, being instructed by a local army sergeant.

Peter Hartung and Tang Nam, convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the federal court for opium smuggling, took the poor convict's oath this morning and were released, having served an extra month for the costs of the proceedings against them.

Bungalow For Sale

A short distance from school building at Kaimuki; house is new and modern; lot is in lawn and planted with ornamental shrubs and trees. Fine view. For sale at \$4,000.

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Real Estate for Sale

One and one-half acres in Nuuanu Valley near car

House lot, Manoa Valley, 162x150 (24,300 sq. ft.)..... 3250

House and lot, Kaimuki, lot 106x150, with modern house..... 3500

Two lots at Kaimuki one block from car line, each 75 x130, for cash..... 1100

Spreckels tract lot at Punahou, 100x100, for..... 1800

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